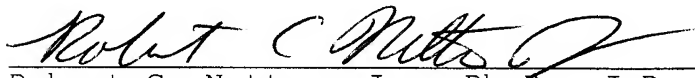


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**Petition for Extension Under 37 CFR §1.136(a)**

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time of **Three (3)** month beyond the time period set in the last office communication. The proper fee under 37 CFR §1.17 is to be charged to Applicant's Deposit Account.

  
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER**  
**37 C.F.R. §1.111**

**Introductory Comments**

In response to the Official Action dated March 21, 2007, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: